

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR COUNCIL LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE
JULY 1, 2008**

The City of Ann Arbor Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Rapundalo, at 3:42 p.m. on July 1, 2008, in the City Council Workroom, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

The members present were Councilmembers Stephen Rapundalo, Mike Anglin and Leigh Greden. Ronald Suarez was absent. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Anglin moved, seconded by Councilmember Greden, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2008. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

a. liquor license policies

The committee discussed possible liquor license policies surrounding the issuance of redevelopment licenses.

b. review of scoring criteria

The committee updated the scoring criteria that would be used for the evaluation of redevelopment liquor license applications. The criteria that were used in the evaluation of new liquor licenses (Class C) were reviewed for the redevelopment license process. The Length on Waiting List score was determined to not be necessary for these applications and the Promptness of Desired Open Date was also removed. The City Clerk volunteered to update the form to reflect the changes to the review and evaluation process.

c. review of pending applications

The committee reviewed the application of Everyday Cook at 410 N. Fourth Avenue. The committee reviewed the application and found the following favorable findings of fact:

- Established business
- Unique character of the business
- Appropriate seating to qualify
- Renovated space to qualify for reinvestment criterion
- Public support for this type of business mix in the Kerrytown area.

Rapundalo moved, seconded by Greden, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee recommend that City Council forward the application from Everyday Cook to

the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with a recommendation of approval for a redevelopment district license based on the Committee's findings of fact.

On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed the application of Salsarita's at 401 E. Liberty Street, Suite 2. The committee reviewed the application and found the following findings of fact:

- Renovated space sufficient to qualify for reinvestment criterion
- Appropriate seating to qualify
- Established business operating for one-year in the community
- Local ownership
- Modest job increase as a result of the liquor license award
- Revitalization of the Liberty Street corridor
- Location

Rapundalo moved, seconded by Anglin, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee recommend that City Council forward the application from Salsarita's (HBSP Holdings, Corp.) to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with a recommendation of approval for a redevelopment district license based on the Committee's findings of fact.

The committee reviewed the application of Caliente Grill at 255 E. Liberty Street. Committee members questioned the use of three different restaurant concepts in one location. There was a question about the Viceroy concept proposed for the lower level of the location and whether an appropriate percentage of food sales would be achieved to allow for the issuance of a redevelopment license. Committee members questioned whether dancing was the primary focus of Viceroy. There was concern about the application not being an existing business. Committee members requested that the City Clerk and Assistant City Attorney contact the applicant and request more information. Committee members noted that the DDA's input may be sought after the applicant provides additional information requested.

Rapundalo moved, seconded by Anglin, that the committee table the application pending additional information from the applicant.

On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

d. new applications

The City Clerk provided committee members with three new applications:

- Marne Thai – 414 S. Main Street, Suite 130
- Silvio's Organic Pizza – 715 N. University
- Mr. Greek – 215 S. State Street

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the committee, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry
Ann Arbor City Clerk